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Re: *United States of America v City of Albion v Cooper Industries, Inc.
and Corning Inc. v Decker Manufacturing Corp.*
Case No. 1:97-CV-1037

Dear Judge McKeague:

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the Court's Case Management Order, I am writing at the request of counsel for the parties to advise the Court of the parties' decision regarding alternative dispute resolution. Counsel for the parties held a conference call last week during which they agreed to contact Magistrate Scoville to determine whether he would be available to preside over a settlement conference. On Monday, July 6, 1998, counsel for the parties contacted Magistrate Scoville and he agreed to hold such a settlement conference. The settlement conference is currently being scheduled, probably for a day during the second or third week of August. Voluntary facilitative mediation or other formal ADR has therefore been deferred.

Magistrate Scoville stated that he would issue an order scheduling the settlement conference once a date had been agreed upon. Please do not hesitate to contact counsel and/or Magistrate Scoville if you have any questions or require further information.

Very truly yours,

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